

Migratory songbird populations have been in decline for numerous years due to various causes. We do not operate independently of our surroundings. Regarding communication towers and migrant bird mortality, you have a responsibility. Please initiate a review of this issue, to include:

1. A review of tower placement, design & lighting with respect to migrant bird mortality,
2. Perform environmental reviews of existing towers with regard to tower placement & design, and impacts on migratory birds,
3. Require stringent environmental reviews of proposed towers,
4. And implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This research evaluation should be funded by the communications industry.

Respectfully,

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